

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~Disclosed is a~~ The method for restricting disclosed herein restricts overflowing due to address registration of an unstable asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) terminal through an interim local management interface (ILMI) protocol in an asynchronous transfer mode switch. The asynchronous transfer mode switch registers an address of ~~[[an]]~~ the asynchronous transfer mode terminal using ~~[[an]]~~ the interim local management interface protocol, and then determines whether the asynchronous transfer mode terminal is stable or ~~[[is]]~~ not stable. When the asynchronous transfer mode terminal is not stable, the asynchronous transfer mode switch defers application of ~~[[the]]~~ a private network-to-network interface (PNNI) until the asynchronous transfer mode terminal becomes stable.